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GEORGE E. TEMPLE TO THE ODD FELLOWS

Noted Fraternalist Delivered an Eloquent Address at the Session of Grand Lodge at Columbus, O.

Dispatch to The Palladium, Columbus, O., Oct. 4, 1904. The Grand Lodge of the Order of Odd Fellows held its twelfth biannual session in the auditorium of the Board of Trade. Over 1,200 people were present.



GEORGE E. TEMPLE.

Grand master of Ohio delivered an eloquent address to the delegates of the Odd Fellows of Ohio. George E. Temple responded to the address of the 1,200 delegates and said in part:

The Grand Master and Odd Fellows of Ohio: Grand Master, Members of the Sub-committee, His Excellency, the Governor of Ohio, His Honor, the Mayor of Columbus, District Grand Master of Ohio, Fellow Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen: Speaking for myself and the delegates to the twelfth B. M. C. I assure you that your words of welcome encourage and cheer us. We have often heard of the unlimited kindness of Ohio's hospitality. Since it seems to be your guest both by choice and invitation, let me say to you in behalf of the delegates to this B. M. C. that we shall endeavor by our acts, deeds and deportment, while in the bosom of your beautiful city, to prove ourselves worthy of the honor which you have shown. We appreciate the splendid welcome that you have given; we rejoice in the privilege that is ours to visit you under such happy auspices. We thought that chivalry and fraternal courtesy still existed in Ohio, and glad hearts would welcome us and glad hands be extended in fraternal greetings. In this our anticipations have been realized. We come among you not as strangers, but as welcome guests, neighbors and friends representing an order founded on man's nobility. We gladly assemble among you not as strangers, but as among the first to proclaim to the world the right of the Negro man to his own affairs, and shape his own destiny. If it was within my power to touch the keys of the destiny of the human race, as Miss touched the keys of that organ producing perfect harmony to which I have just listened, I would, by a single put in activity the following illustrious sons of Ohio: Salmon P. Chase, Joshua E. Giddings, Ben Davis, James G. Burney, James Polk, John J. Lillie, Sam Schellabarger, George Hoadly. [Cheers.]

These gentlemen were among the strong forces that made Ohio a haven of rest for our people, and predicted that we would be good and safe citizens if given a chance. God bless their names and perpetuate their memory in our hearts. Under the Stars and Stripes, before an open Bible, we have free schools, an unapproachable manhood, just courts and impartial laws, that came from the work of these heroes of Negro rights in the dark days of our civil opportunities.

Delegates! Ohio has formally welcomed us to her heart. Columbus has opened wide here gates. The brethren, the portals of their homes; let us repay this courtesy by making this the most memorable meeting in our history, memorable for the good we accomplish, memorable for the inspiration given our brotherhood, memorable for the assistance rendered to the needy soul. As the gates of a new century swing outward at our touch, let us lift our flag to loftier heights, let us dedicate our order anew to the noble purposes that gave it birth.

Fellow delegates, I would deem it a distinction upon your characters to recommend a grand test of our sacred principles while we are on a visit, but many of you have forgot the test that I have given you when you were strangers. We are prepared to preach Friendship, Love and Truth, by the way of Jacob's ladder, as a helpful reminder of our boyhood days on our mother's knee. [Laughter and cheers.]

We meet among a generous people and amid historic surroundings. More

than 60 years ago, people of our blood and kin laid the foundation of our magnificent organization. To-day our order holds more than 160,000 souls within its fond embrace; the stream of its unostentatious charity has flowed to every corner of our land; its white banner has led the march of fraternal life everywhere; to-day we salute our comrades across the seas with these words: "In unitate vinclimus."

Our banner is floating in the isles of the Pacific. Our influence has overleaped the barriers of states, and to-day it is thundering down the avenues of every empire, every kingdom and every country. The Sons of Ohio have shared our order's struggles from 1856 to this day—nearly 50 years. They have taught its lessons at the fireside. They have preached its blessings from the hilltops. They have defended its right in the valleys.

At the shine of these noble characters sterling manhood of to-day must bow in holy reverence. While victorious manhood of the early days rises up through the blazing fagots around their sacred forms; as the blessed inspiration of our Christian civilization. Whenever the great despoiler is distressingly nigh, there is that incomparable vice-grand sure to be seen. The vice-grand is the order's ministering angel everywhere. By their works ye shall know them. The altar of love says love is the center of home. Wherein its inmates come, love greets them and leads them. To her innermost shrine within, so the Lord in their heart and face may find a dwelling place.

We have the scepter of empire, which was bequeathed to us by Victorians Peter Ogden, Jas. Field, Jas. Needham, Sr., D. B. Bowser, W. C. H. Curtis and a host of other illustrious sires of our race that have gone to the land of pure delight where saints immortal reign. [Cries Amen.]

District Grand Master of Ohio, your welcome to the brotherhood to-day brings to our mind another welcome that awaits us just beyond the river. Since our last national gathering, what troubles have we seen, what conflicts have we past? I ask you to stand with me at the bedside of our martyred McKinley, and hear him whisper with his last breath, "Nearer, My God, to Thee; Nearer to Thee." With many of us the hand of death has visited our family circle, and plucked its sweetest flower. We bore the affliction as you would have us do—with a hope of meeting them in a general meeting in a better world. [Cries, hear him, hear him.]

We come to-day representing every state and territory in this Union in answer to Ohio's call, and in response to Columbus' welcome. It is true we come from different states, but our music is written by the same author; our songs of praise are set to the same air. Within our convention hall are clustered the flags of two different lands wherein our order dwells, and over all hangs these precious words—"Friendship for all nations, love for true manhood; Truth in our dealing; Peace and happiness in our homes, and prosperity in the ranks of the order." Can anyone question the fraternal spirit of such a brotherhood? Dare anyone challenge its right to live? Can you define the future of its bounds? Lift up your eyes and be enchanted with the glories of your heritage.

In our ranks you will find the character, wealth and scholarship of the American Negro. Such an order it is my proud privilege to represent. In its name I accept your cordial greetings; in its name I thank you for it; generous have been your words of welcome—more generous has been the manner of your salutation. From the moment we entered Ohio until this hour we have been the recipients of your boundless hospitality. We have walked upon your beautiful streets with much delight; we have rested in the classic shades of your buckeye trees; we are glad that we came, and we shall bear to our home the brightest recollections of the fair sons and lovely daughters of Ohio. [You are right; good boy.]

The position which I occupy to-day, standing between the great state of Ohio and all other states in the Union, speaking for one, and speaking to the other, is a distinction which almost overwhelms me, and perhaps the greatest that will ever come to me in life, a distinction worthy of the highest admiration; and to you, worthy grand master, I extend my grateful appreciation.

This order of the people has shed its radiant light throughout the world—Europe, Asia and Africa have felt its beneficent beams, which have caused man to lift his eyes higher than ever before. War, famine, pestilence and death still constitute a portion of our heritage; but never has God's light seemed so warm and bright to the

great tolling masses of the earth as it is to-day. Kingdoms, principalities and powers are but the instruments and not the destroyers of men. Ohio, you have the thanks and admiration of the B. M. C. I trust that our sojourn with you will be as pleasant to you as it will be profitable to us.

We will return to our several homes filled with admiration for Ohio, and with affection for her people. We shall feel ourselves enriched because we have for a time rested in your midst. We will treasure as a fragrant memory the recollections of our visit here, and from our heart of hearts we pray that you and yours may abide forever the blessings of abundant peace, happiness and prosperity. Be perfect as you can, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you. [Prolonged cheering for several minutes.]

Married Sixty Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Green Coates, who reside three miles east of Moberly, Mo., have the honor of being the oldest married couple amongst the Colored people in this state. They were slaves of Capt. Tom Coates, of Randolph, Mo. Mr. Green Coates, the oldest of 19 children, was brought from Green Castle, Henry county, Ky., to Missouri by Capt. Coates when a mere boy of 12 years with his parents. Mrs. Ellen Coates, the oldest of 14 children was born in Missouri. Her maiden name was Higby. She was not a slave of Capt. Coates until her marriage to Mr. Green Coates, September 2, 1844, and after the emancipation he bought part of the old plantation which was owned by Capt. Tom Coates, where they now reside. Mr. and Mrs. Coates became the parents of 15 children, seven of whom are still living—four daughters and three sons. Mr. Ned Coates, the oldest son, still lives with his parents on the farm. Mr. Thomas Coates resides in Moberly, Mo.; Mr. Green Coates, Jr., of 2202 Walnut, and Mrs. Susan Johnson, of 2021 Walnut, reside in St. Louis; Mrs. Laura Campbell and Mrs. Amanda Robinson reside in Chicago, and Mrs. Julia Bassett resides in Madison, Mo. There are 16 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Mr. Coates is in his eighty-fifth year and Mrs. Coates in her seventy-fourth. Both enjoy good health, and are hale and hearty. She returns as fresh as her grandchildren from the fair, which she is now attending.

Prominent Colored Mason Dies Suddenly.

Charles W. Prentice, colored, 57 years of age, died suddenly at 9:30 last night at his home, 2309 Eugenia street, from a stroke of apoplexy. He was stricken at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon on Pine street, near the Globe-Democrat building, while apparently in robust health. He never regained consciousness.

Mr. Prentice was a native of St. Louis and was one of the most eminent colored Freemasons in the United States, being most worshipful master of the united grand encampment of Knights Templars of the United States and Canada, and right eminent grand commander of the Missouri jurisdiction.

He leaves a widow, who is his only living relative. He will be buried next Sunday with Masonic honors from St. Paul's A. M. E. church.—Globe-Democrat, Oct. 5.

The Du Bois Lecture.

The lecture delivered by Prof. W. E. B. DuBois, Monday evening, was an intellectual treat of the very highest order.

Dougllass hall was completely filled by the most intelligent people of the community, who listened with eagerness and attention to the lecturer.

The subject, "The Development of a People," proved to be one of consuming interest to the audience, and the speaker was frequently interrupted with bursts of applause.

The Lyceum Sketch club is deserving of the gratitude of the public for the faithful manner in which it is fulfilling its avowed purpose of introducing the very best talent that the race affords in the literary, musical and dramatic way.

Free Evening School.

A free evening school will be opened at the L'Overture building, Jefferson avenue and Papin street, Monday evening, October 19. The school will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights, from seven to nine o'clock. All books will be furnished free.

CHARLES H. BROWN, Principal.

FOR RENT.

Three fine unfurnished rooms. Bath and water license free. Apply at 1512 Papin street, or to Jas. W. Grant, 510 Pine street.

Pickett's Headache Powders give instant relief. 2601 Lawton avenue.

NIGGER, BE GOOD.

Prejudiced Southern Democrats

Force a Respectable Afro-American From Home.

Rev. C. A. Buchanan, Publisher of a Paper at West Point, Miss., and an Intelligent Citizen, Victim of Outrage

ROOSEVELT AGAINST DISCRIMINATIONS.

"So long as the present commissioners continue their official existence, they will not make, and so far as in their power lies, will refuse to allow others to make, any discrimination whatsoever for or against any man because of his color, any more than because of his politics or religion."—Reply of Theodore Roosevelt, when civil service commissioner ten years ago, to Congressman Williams, who assailed the civil service commission because white men and black men were treated exactly alike by that body.

The treatment received by Rev. C. A. Buchanan, an educated, well-to-do Afro-American in Mississippi, is a complete refutation of the statement that the south is willing to give the race a square deal, if they are honest, law-abiding citizens.

Rev. Buchanan was the publisher of a paper called "The Preacher-Safeguard," at West Point, Miss. In a recent issue the following editorial appeared:

ADVICE TO AFRO-AMERICANS.

Afro-Americans who have any race pride or self-respect should not visit the St. Louis exposition. In all of that great exposition there is no accommodation for Afro-Americans whatever. You can not eat and drink at the places prepared for the whites, and there is no place for the Afro-Americans. So you see what a predicament you are in. We have been there twice, and came near starving. We had to take a car and go back to the city, a distance of five or six miles, every time we wanted to eat.

When the whites read this they charged that Buchanan was advocating social equality of the races, and fomenting strife between the whites and blacks. He was ordered by a committee appointed by a mass meeting of whites to leave the place.

The West Point Daily Times-Herald published the following editorial, with leading in large black type:

NIGGER, BE GOOD.

The white people of the town have at last become inflamed. They don't ask you to be good as a fa-

vor; you have to do it. We are going to have no more midnight riding, a d—n sight less preaching, no nigger wenches sitting around refusing to do honest work, and no big acting from any nigger that lives. If you don't do right, live right and make an honest living, you will have to go. You know the white people are your friends when you do right. But, you know, too, that we will not stand anything that smacks of social equality, sass, or big like Nigger. You've got to do right. This means preacher, merchant, doctor, school-teacher, farmer, laborer and nigger woman. As to the women, one washing won't support you, nor two. You have got to earn a living. Nigger, be good!

First Baptist Church Notes.

Dr. E. C. Cole preached two excellent sermons at the First Baptist church last Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The church was crowded at each service, and listened attentively.

The Bath club served a very fine dinner to the members and visitors last Sunday at the First Baptist church. Mrs. Leatha Newcomb, the president, was very polite, and indeed made everybody feel happy that wanted dinner.

The Christian Wisdom society met last Wednesday night at the First Baptist church and elected new officers, after which they served a nice lunch.

There was covenant meeting last Sunday at the First Baptist church. Many of the members testified of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The financial rallies are still on at the First Baptist church, and next Sunday it is hoped that all of the members and friends will give liberally to help pay the debt off the church.

Mr. A. W. Washington will write a long article on the race question, which will appear in next week's issue. Everybody ought to read it, as he is one of the best Negro writers before the public.

Dr. D. P. Roberts' Reception.

The farewell reception tendered Dr. D. P. Roberts and wife was a grand affair which convinced all, without doubt, of the high esteem in which both are held. Bishop Grant and his amiable wife were present.

Miss Ella Sevier presided at the piano. A vocal solo by Miss Lulu Mosley was highly appreciated. Mrs. Georgia Michie, with her sweet contralto, entranced all. Mr. and Mrs. Braden were at their best.

Among those present were: Rev. H. S. Park, Dr. Rolland, of Metropolitan church; Rev. R. H. Cole, Prof. Langston and many others. The reception was a very pleasing one.

WENT DOWN THE PIKE.

J. P. Walkins went down the Pike September 29, and thinks the oriental girls are all O. K. He will try it again October 11, Chicago day, and will tell the boys all about it.

SUMPTUOUSLY ENTERTAINED.

Kansans Moved in Elite of Society in St. Louis—Wined and Dined to Their Hearts' Content.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wilson and Miss Ogeal, of 2109 Chestnut street, entertained, last week, Mrs. H. C. Wilson, Miss Dora Alexander, the daughter of Mrs. H. C. Wilson, and Miss Lizzie Cooper at the following places:

First, a trip to the Anheuser-Busch brewery.

Friday night at the dancing academy of Prof. James W. Grant. After the class they feasted at home. It was a champagne supper, where all the delicacies of the season were before them, and champagne flowed at water.

Saturday night at the Williams and Walkers' famous minstrel show. After the show the supper at the Newport restaurant, where they again enjoyed good things.

Sunday they were at the Douglass, and again were highly entertained to their hearts' content.

So throughout the week they were highly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wilson and Miss Ogeal as they can entertain.

They left a few days ago for their home in Topeka, Kas., where they will ever remember their visit to St. Louis at 2109 Chestnut street.

Antioch Church Items.

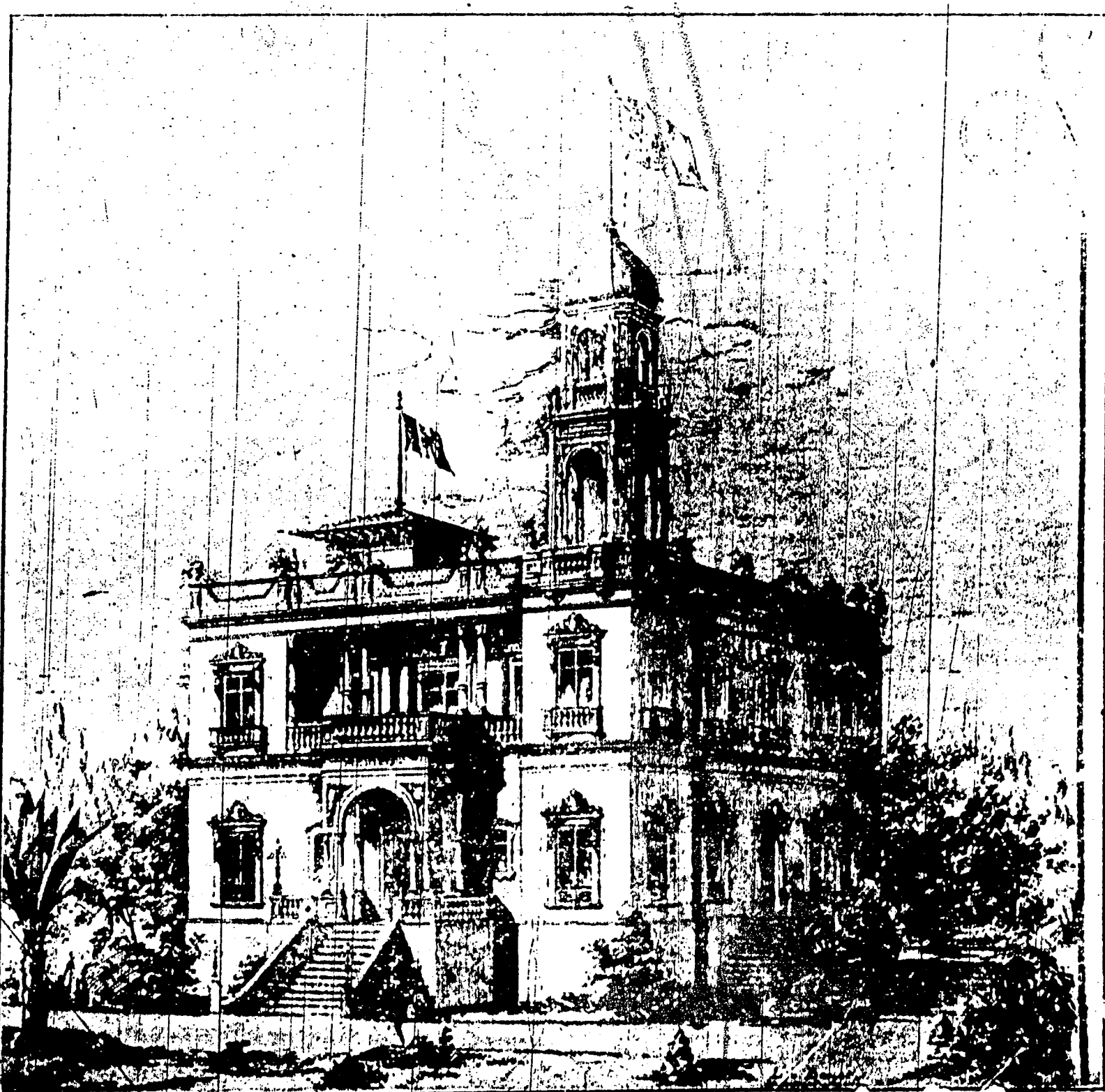
Rev. David Johnson, pastor of Chamber Street Baptist church, preached a missionary sermon to the Antioch Mission Circle Sunday, October 2, at 3 p. m. Rev. Johnson spoke from the 20th chapter and 21st verse of St. John. Subject, "Christ Sending Forth Missionaries." The sermon was grand, and many good thoughts were brought out. Among them was that if we mean to be true missionaries we must live with the people in order that we may help lift them up. The speaker impressed the thought that on the earth is the place to live, and not up above the people, in mid-air. At the close of the sermon, Rev. R. H. Brown, pastor of Pilgrim Baptist church, after speaking of how he enjoyed the sermon, asked for a collection. Eleven dollars and twenty-five cents was taken up. Circles represented were Pilgrim, Compton Hill, Chamber Street and Ebenezer.

Prof. Waring Stricken in the School-room.

Prof. O. M. Waring, principal of Sumner high school, was stricken yesterday afternoon, while instructing a class, and is believed to be in a serious condition at his home 1211 Tower grove avenue. The attack is said to be due to overwork.

Autumn Pleasure.

A grand entertainment and voting contest will be given at Pilgrim Baptist church, 4227 Kossuth avenue, October 29, 1904. The one receiving the highest number of votes will receive a gold dollar. Admission, 10 cents. Rev. R. H. Brown, pastor. C. W. Brown, clerk.



MEXICAN BUILDING AT THE FAIR.